

## Andrew Jackson Donelson to Andrew Jackson, October 27, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### ANDREW J. DONELSON TO JACKSON.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.*

Washington, October 27, 1830.

*Dear Uncle.* I have read with great care the contents of your letter in answer to mine of the 25th. It was not my intention in that letter to extract from you any thing for the justification of my conduct if I should ever be called upon to make one. You had thought it proper if Mrs Donelson returned to have it first understood that she should be on terms of social intercourse with Mrs. Eaton. This was a concession which I believed I ought not to make considering the relations which now exist. You have decided the question as you have a right to do. The only remaining one for me to consider is also depending in some degree upon your decision, how long shall I remain seperated from my family? If you desire my services any longer there is no reasonable sacrifice which I am not ready to make, provided the arrangements that are now made for my family do not become burdensome to my mother in law.

I will when I have more leisure correct some inaccuracies of fact contained in your letter; and also allow myself a wider latitude in noticing the veiws you have taken of my duty and of the whole subject, than I did in my first note to you.

As the condition of Mrs. D's return has no qualification in her favor, and as the remainder [of] your term of office is a longer period than I ought [to] consent to charge any friend or relative with the care of my family, it may be best for you to look to some one to take

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my place at once, and in the mean[time] to allow me to be employed in putting in more intelligible files the papers of the office, preparatory to my retirement from it.

Believe me with the greatest affection yr. grateful nephew